Shortage in manufacturing of power equipments

†1427. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that public sector power equipments suppliers fail to meet the demand;

(b) if so, whether any steps have been taken to enhance the partnership of private sector;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to ensure that there is no shortage in manufacturing of power equipments in future?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (b) According to an assessment made by the Central Electricity Authority, the domestic capacity for manufacturing power equipments at present is not adequate to meet the requirements of the accelerated capacity addition programme. To meet the emerging requirements, there is a need for a substantial step up of world class competitive manufacturing capability in the country considering the unprecedented capacity additon programme in the coming years.

Expansion of capacity of Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL), as well as development of manufacturing capacity by generating Central Public Sector Undertakings, or private players alone, or through joint ventures are possible options to augment the manufacturing capacity in line with the generation capacities being planned for the Eleventh Plan and beyond. In addition, import of equipment is also permissible.

The working of BHEL is being regularly reviewed by the Ministry of Heavy Industry and Public Enterprises; further, BHEL is augmenting its capacity to 10,000 MW by December, 2007 and further to 15,000 MW by December, 2009.

Power supply situation in Maharashtra

1428. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the present consumption of electricity in Maharashtra and how much electricity would be made available during the next one-year by Government, to fulfill the requirement of electricity of the State;

(b) from where it would be generated and how many districts and villages would enjoy the benefit of electricity in the State;

(c) whether Government is planning to establish power generation projects, as well as producing more equipments/machineries, for the purpose of power generation companies in Maharashtra, particularly in Sholapur district; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when it would be set up?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (b) The availability of electricity in Maharashtra from its own generating stations and allocation from Central Sector Generating Stations was 8,301 Million Units (MU) during October, 2007 and 53,662 MUs during the period April, 2007 to October, 2007. Central Electricity Authority has estimated that during the remaining period of 2007-08 i.e. November, 2007 to March, 2008 availability of electricity is expected to be 38,996 MU from the state's own generating

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